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STATE APPEAL BOARD MEETING

Special Session: City of Mount Union Budget Protest. The State Appeal Board met on June 7, 2016, in Des Moines. Prior to commencing the regular meeting, the Board entered into a special session regarding a protest of the FY 2017 budget of the city of Mount Union.

On May 9, 2016, representatives from the Department of Management (DOM), the Office of the State Treasurer (TOS), and the Office of the Auditor of the State (AOS) met with Mount Union city officials and petitioners regarding a protest of the proposed FY 2017 city budget. After testimony and discussion by representatives of both the city and the petitioning parties, the representatives from the DOM, the TOS and the AOS engaged in a fact finding analysis. The representatives presented their findings and conclusions to the Board at the regular meeting, recommending that the city of Mount Union correct errors found in documents used to estimate the beginning balance of the FY 2017 budget. The Board voted unanimously to approve this recommendation, as well as to sustain the city's FY 2017 tax levy and expenditures as previously adopted.

Meeting. After the special session, the Board continued with its monthly meeting, taking the following actions:

- Approved payment of 10 general claims filed under lowa Code chapter <u>25</u> for approximately \$1.14 million, including a \$1.12 million claim reimbursing the federal government for the federal share of excess balance of storage space administered by the Department of Administrative Services and the Office of the Chief Information Officer and utilized by the Department of Human Services. The reimbursement includes FY 2010-FY 2015 charges as detailed in the Statewide Indirect Cost Allocation Plan. The Board denied payment of approximately \$57,400.
- Approved payment of five tort claims filed under lowa Code chapter 669 for approximately \$16,900.
 The Board denied payment of tort claims totaling approximately \$55.6 million.

Next Meeting. The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for July 5, 2016, in Des Moines.

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